ROOSEVELT IRRIGATION DISTRICT POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY FACT SHEET

Background:

Roosevelt Irrigation District ("RID") owns and operates approximately 100 groundwater wells in the western portion of Maricopa County. The wells are used to supply water to public and private entities and individuals for industrial, agricultural and residential uses. Over 20 of these wells have been impacted by contaminated groundwater caused by upgradient facilities that have released or threaten to release hazardous substances, including, but not limited to, trichloroethene ("TCE"); 1,1,1-trichloroethane ("TCA"); methyl tertiary butyl ether ("MTBE"); and tetrachloroethene ("PCE").

Research:

RID has reviewed numerous public documents in order to identify facilities that are potentially responsible for the groundwater contamination that has impacted or threatens to impact its wells. Some of these documents include remedial investigation reports, summary source reports, ADEQ fact sheets, site assessments, work plans, PRP searches and soil and groundwater reports. RID's research revealed the following information in identifying FACILITY NAME as a potential owner or operator of a facility that released or threatened to release hazardous substances for which RID has incurred response costs:

FACILITY ADDRESS

CONTAMINATION AND MEDIA

SOURCE DOCUMENT(S)

Conclusion:

RID is considering remedial alternatives that will utilize RID's impacted wells and existing pipelines and easements to design and operate a single, regional "pump and treat" system that could effectively address the groundwater contamination that currently impacts and/or threatens to impact RID wells. More significantly, if the necessary funding can be obtained for well field integration, the required water treatment facility(ies), and a separate delivery system for the treated water, RID is prepared to enter into consent decrees with settling parties that could eliminate liability for the very significant future long-term "pump and treat" operation and maintenance costs. Participation in the consent decree by ADEQ also could provide protection from any contribution claims from any non-settling potentially responsible party under Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2); and A.R.S. § 49-292(C).

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